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S. CON. RES. 78

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

AUGUST 6, 1970

Mr. McCarthy (for himself and Mr. Hatfield) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To establish a Joint Committee on Intelligence, and for other purposes.

- 1 Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives
- 2 concurring), That there is established a Joint Committee on
- 3 Intelligence (hereafter, in this concurrent resolution, referred
- 4 to as the joint committee) to be composed of seven Members
- 5 of the Senate to be appointed by the President of the Senate,
- 6 and seven Members of the House of Representatives to be ap-
- 7 pointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives. Not
- 8 more than four Members from either the House or the Senate
- 9 shall be members of the same political party. Of the seven
- 10 members to be appointed by the House of Representatives,
- 11 two shall be members of the Committee on Foreign Affairs,

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- 2 ices. Of the seven members to be appointed by the Senate,
- 3 two shall be members of the Committee on Foreign Rela-
- 4 tions, and two shall be members of the Committee on Armed
- 5 Services.
- 6 Sec. 2. (a) The joint committee shall make continuing
- 7 studies of the intelligence activities and problems relating to
- 8 the gathering of intelligence affecting the national security
- 9 and of its coordination and utilization by the various depart-
- 10 ments, agencies, and instrumentalities of the Government.
- 11 The Central Intelligence Agency, the Defense Intelligence
- 12 Agency, the National Security Agency, the Bureau of Intelli-
- 13 gence and Research of the Department of State, Army In-
- 14 telligence, Navy Intelligence, Air Force Intelligence, and
- 15 other services engaged in foreign intelligence activities shall
- 16 keep the joint committee fully and currently informed with
- 17 respect to their activities. The joint committee shall seek to
- 18 eliminate unnecessary competition and duplication of effort
- 19 by the services engaged in foreign intelligence activities.
- 20 (b) All bills, resolutions, and other matters in the Sen-
- 21 ate or House of Representatives relating primarily to the
- 22 agencies referred to in subsection (a) and to any other
- ²³ agency engaged in foreign intelligence activities shall be
- ²⁴ referred to the joint committee.
- (c) The joint committee shall seek to insure that covert

- 1 action programs are as few as necessary to guarantee the
- 2 national security and that such programs are not inconsistent
- 3 with publicly expressed national policy.
- 4 (d) The joint committee shall make continuing investi-
- 5 gations and studies, and shall make recommendations, with
- 6 respect to the practices and methods used in the intelligence
- 7 services to classify information.
- 8 (e) Two members of the joint committee, one a Mem-
- 9 ber of the House and the other a Member of the Senate,
- 10 shall be appointed by the chairman to serve, at the invitation
- 11 of the President, as representatives to, and nonvoting mem-
- 12 bers of, the United States Intelligence Board.
- 13 (f) The members of the joint committee who are
- 14 Members of the Senate shall from time to time report to the
- 15 Senate, and the members of the joint committee who are
- 16 Members of the House of Representatives shall from time
- 17 to time report to the House, by bill or otherwise, their
- 18 recommendations with respect to matters within the jurisdic-
- 19 tion of their respective Houses which are (1) referred to
- 20 the joint committee or (2) otherwise within the jurisdiction
- 21 of the joint committee.
- SEC. 3. Vacancies in the membership of the joint com-
- 23 mittee shall not affect the power of the remaining members
- 24 to execute the functions of the joint committee, and shall be
- 25 filled in the same manner as in the case of the original selec-

- 1 tion. The joint committee shall select a chairman and vice
- 2 chairman from among its members.
- 3 Sec. 4. The joint committee, or any duly authorized
- 4 subcommittee thereof, is authorized to hold such hearings, to
- 5 sit and act at such places and times, to require, by subpena
- 6 or otherwise, the attendance of such witnesses and the pro-
- 7 duction of such books, papers, and documents, to administer
- 8 such oaths, to take such testimony, to procure such printing
- 9 and binding, and to make such expenditures as it deems
- 10 advisable.
- 11 Sec. 5. The joint committee is empowered to appoint
- 12 such experts, consultants, technicians, and clerical and steno-
- 13 graphic assistants as it deems necessary and advisable. The
- 14 committee is authorized to utilize the services, information,
- 15 facilities, and personnel of the departments and establish-
- ments of the Government on a reimbursable basis with the
- 17 prior consent of the heads of the departments or agencies
- 18 concerned.
- 19 Sec. 6. The expenses of the joint committee shall be paid
- 20 from the contingent fund of the House of Representatives
- ²¹ upon vouchers signed by the chairman.
- Sec. 7. The joint committee shall take special care to
- 23 safeguard information affecting the national security.

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